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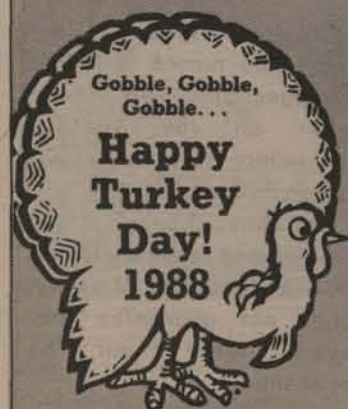
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Pre-registration aids students

By LORI NEJAME
News Editor

Today is the last day for early registration for the 1989 spring semester at LSUS.

Advisors began scheduling appointments for students Nov. 2. Student/advisor assignments are posted outside the office of the student's college.

After a class schedule is approved and signed by an advisor, the student is ready to pre-register. On the designated day, according to a student's classification, the student must bring his approved schedule to admissions and records in the administration building, room 168.

The schedule is typed into a computer, and the student receives a printed schedule/fee bill. The last day to pay fees is Jan. 9, 1989. If fees are not received by this time, the student's schedule will be cancelled.

Many students take advantage of early registration. "I think pre-registration is quicker than regular registration with less hassle," said Denise May, a junior public relations major. "I mean you get in, you get out."

Scott Smith, a senior psychology major, said, "Early registration is a whole lot easier than regular registration. All I have left to do is pay my money."

According to Dr. Michael D. Brendler, associate professor of economics and finance, early registration is "what I was used to as an undergraduate."

"Early registration enables us (the faculty) to give some specific attention to matters that we weren't able to under the old system without early registration. It also gives the departments enough time to make schedule changes according to the number of students who enroll for a particular class," Brendler said.

Leslie Beightol, a freshman



Pre-registration.

education major, said, "Early registration makes things easier. It relieves some of the pressure."

Brendler says that the most common complaint from students is that classes they want or need to take are not offered.

"This complaint is most common among students who have changed their major at least once," he said.

Many classes are offered once

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Bogue:

Beach or bayou?

By KEVIN JEROME
Editor

Chancellor Grady Bogue returned to LSUS this week after visiting Jacksonville, Fla., for a prospective job offer. He remains one of six candidates for the position of president of the University of North Florida.

Bogue said Wednesday that he is pleased to be considered for the position. "I would not have entered the search or stayed in the search if I did not think I had something to offer the school."

Bogue continued by saying that the decision to leave or stay is about family not money. Presently, he makes \$67,000 at LSUS. The Florida salary offers \$91,000.

During a faculty senate meeting, some members expressed concern that Bogue's acceptance to stay in the search could diminish his effectiveness as chancellor. This is the second job search Bogue has entered since 1980. Bogue responded to the faculty charge by saying, "There's an obvious risk but it is not a risk that has me worried."

Bogue did not want to speculate on his chances of receiving the job. He did, however, describe the trip as



Dr. Bogue

pleasant and productive. "The people in Florida were very hospitable," said Bogue.

In a telephone interview Wednesday, Victor Long, editor of University of North Florida's newspaper *The Spinnaker*, said that his research indicated Bogue was in last place. Long described Bogue as impersonable and also expressed reservations about Bogue's fundamental religion.

According to Long, Pat Cusick, a UNF supporter, said "I would feel uncomfortable having Bogue." In fact, Long cited only one positive recommendation for Bogue.

Long considered three prospective candidates at the top of (See Beach. . . . Page 8)



The winning team.

Computer dept. wins 1st

By HELEN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Success speaks for itself! The LSUS computer science department won first place in division 2 of the ACM Regional Scholastic Programming Contest hosted by Baylor University.

According to acting department chairman Carol Hall, "Winning the contest is quite a feather in our cap."

Two teams of programmers represented LSUS in the Nov. 11

competition. The division 2 team members were Tony Coreington, Richard Wong, Troy Conly and Gerald Gilley. Other team members who placed 11th in the undergraduate division were Karl Minor, Richard Wilt and Robert Treece. In all, there were 55 teams representing 33 universities from Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas.

Trophies were awarded to the top four teams in the graduate division 1 and undergraduate division 2.

editorial

Soviet Union today

Don't be snowed

By KEVIN JEROME
Editor

"Peace through strength" are the words George Bush told the citizens of the United States he would use in dealing with Russia. He seems anxious to follow in his mentor's footsteps. But, what do Americans really understand about the Soviet Union and Gorbachev?

Glasnost means to the Soviet Empire that it is self-destructing. To implement this policy, means that there will be an independent Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Ukraine. Clearly, these once-independent states are feeling the impact of *glasnost* as is evident by the unrest in these small countries. It can't continue!

Traditionally, Russia has operated on three premises: autocracy, orthodoxy, and mother Russia. Gorbachev is playing a political power game by consolidating the president and general secretary positions unto himself. He is a relatively young leader and it is almost assured that he will lead the Soviets into the 21st century. And, as time will show he will increase his power much like his predecessors, Stalin, Krushchev, and Brezhnev. But, he will have to follow certain criteria to maintain his power and the main objective is not to break up the empire. The Soviets remember well the destruction they experienced during the two world wars. They will forever fight to keep their buffer states facing Western Europe.

The Soviet leadership has historically turned to the West in efforts to acquire technology. Peter the Great toured Western Europe in the 18th century and brought back men and technology to further develop the Russian Empire. Gorbachev is continuing in the czar's vein. Indeed, the Soviets recently launched their version of the space shuttle. The shuttle looked almost identical to the U.S. model and the Soviets completed this accomplishment years ahead of American speculation.

The INF treaty is more important to the USSR than it is to the U.S. First, the Soviets can take their missiles of Eastern Europe but they can easily reinstate them. What would their subservient border states do to stop them? The US on the other hand would be hard-pressed to re-arm autonomous countries like West Germany. Second, the Soviets can certainly use the money they are going to save by curbing the arms race. The Soviet Union is spending quite a bit of their GNP on military equipment.

The end result is the U.S. dealing with a Soviet leader who was totally indoctrinated in communist philosophy. Is it realistic to think that he would deviate too far from this philosophy? The only answer to the question is "Peace through strength."



Spring schedule:

Offers little options

By LORI NEJAME
News Editor

Being a stickler for punctuality, I like doing things on time and even ahead of time, if possible. So, taking advantage of early registration was right up my alley.

Early registration is a good thing which many students find advantageous. But I do have one gripe.

It deals not with early registration but with the lack of classes offered at LSUS. I am not referring specifically to the spring semester of '89 because I have dealt with this problem each semester.

How is one expected to follow

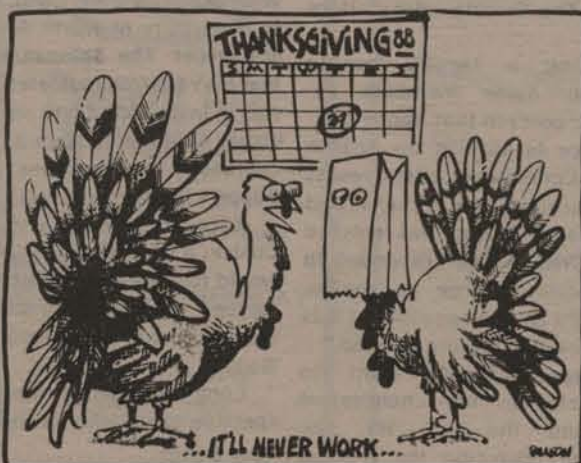
a four-year plan as outlined in the LSUS student catalogue when more than half of the classes are not even offered every semester? Granted, most classes are offered at least once a year, either in the fall or spring semester. But many students are unaware that some classes are offered only one semester. You better seize the opportunity or miss out until the next year.

Think of all the problems this can cause. Some of the classes that are offered only have one section. No choice to make there! This makes it difficult for students who must work to go to school. It is hard to juggle classes and a job when you do not have anything to choose from.

One hundred and seventy-one classes out of 210 are only offered once during the spring semester. I quit counting midway through the education courses.

Next fall, I will be a senior and plan on graduating in the spring of 1990. I have planned my semesters thus far with the appropriate amount of hours so I can graduate on time.

What worries me is this: What if I choose to take certain classes in the fall and leave the remaining classes until the spring? And, what if one of those classes that I put off until spring is not offered in the spring? Then, what I have worked for graduating in four years—will, in essence, have been a wasted effort because a class that I needed was not offered.



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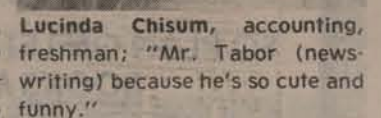
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Kaiser rebuts editorial

What professor do you have a crush on and why?



campus

Student adds his own course

By Pierre Schmitz
Contributing Writer

Europe: Pretty girls under cloudy skies?

Answer this question in next semester's "Europe through European eyes" night class.

I first flew to the United States from my native Belgium in 1986. I was on my way to visit a friend in Columbia, S.C., and I really didn't know where I was going, so I checked a map. Imagine how pleased I was when I discovered it was right above Florida.

Everybody in Europe (including me) dreams of the United States: New York, California, San Francisco, Los Angeles and California girls. As I landed in Columbia, I quickly discovered at least half of the people I met hadn't even visited their own country. People from the East Coast didn't know much about Idaho, Wyoming or South

Dakota. Likewise, people from the West Coast barely knew some facts regarding Berlin, Rome and Cairo, though these three cities are located in Vermont, Georgia and Illinois, respectively.

Instead, the people were dreaming of Paris and the Champs-Elysees, London and Piccadilly, Italy — girls had been told about Italian men & the French Riviera — boys had been told about the pretty girls in Saint-Tropez, etc. However, they all regretted the traditional rainy, windy and cold weather of the Old Continent.

But, Europe is not only a bunch of pretty girls and handsome guys under cloudy skies.

I would love to introduce you to the European "way of life." Therefore, I have planned to set up a non-credit night class next semester in cooperation with the Department of Foreign

Languages and the Department of Continuing Education to help answer the following questions like: is Belgium a republic or a kingdom? What is the capital city of Luxembourg? How many official languages do people speak in Switzerland?

If you did not know the answer to those questions, join me, starting Jan. 24, 1989, on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30. We will cover general aspects of European popular culture such as geography, history, politics, socio-economics and education. Other interesting topics include the media, sports, food, student life, etc. Slides, films, TV programs and video tapes will be used to illustrate the different topics.

Discover the Old Continent and a New Europe through this non-credit "pop culture" night class.

Turning The Corner



By TOM-EYTON JONES
Columnist

Perpendicular Parking

"I need help," she whispered.

She was as beautiful as a spring dawn. Her hair, like spun gold, hung in an artful braid down her back (Rapunzel eat your heart out). She put her delicate ivory hand in mine and our eyes met...and locked. Her complexion was flawless. She gazed engagingly into my eyes. She could have asked me for anything.

"I'm sick and tired of people blocking up the parking lot! Some clown thought I was trying to steal HIS parking place."

Give back the limo and donate the champagne to Goodwill — Double Oh No must leap into action! Well, responding in an affirmative manner might be enough.

Let us be realistic here: Having to drive around some meatball who stops his car in the aisle because he "thinks" someone is about to pull out, can be a royal anatomical irritation. It would not be so bad if they pulled to the side of the lane and stopped perpendicular to the already-parked cars. But when they stop right in the middle and then have the nerve to get huffy when someone wants to go around them, they are asking for the Curse of the Radial Mugger. That fearsome phantom who, starved for

rubber-flavored air, sucks every last drop of life-giving oxygen from even the most expensive tires.

However, my call to the Mugger was fruitless: He had overdosed on some superheated air at the Republican convention and was confined to a rubber lung for at least six months. Thus I decided on the direct approach. I went straight to my Salvation Army world processor and wrote this column.

Ladies and supposed gentlemen of LSUS: not everyone that you are being inconsiderate to is trying to steal your parking space. Most of them have already used their gray matter to surmise what you're waiting for and just want to move on and continue the search for their own opportunity to wait on someone. Yes, parking spaces are scarce, especially in the early morning hours, but that isn't any reason to be rude, crude and indecent about it! Have a little class, not crass!

Incidentally, for those of you with the K-Mart driver's licenses there is quite a lot of parking space available on the south side of the HPE building; all you have to do is dodge the occasional broken bottle or dead skunk. And there's no waiting! There's even a sidewalk. What more could you ask for?

SGA: Amends, impeaches & vetos

By ROY LITTLE
Staff Writer

The SGA continues to implement changes to LSUS even as the denouement of the fall semester draws near.

This week, it approved the nomination of Kelly Kane to the awards committee. However, the Internal Affairs Committee has filed impeachment proceedings against three senators for excessive absences: Jeff Abney,

Lisa Taylor, Brett Chamberlin. If these senators are impeached their positions will be filled by appointed senators.

SGA President Elizabeth Humphreys vetoed last week's proposed bill to cut the ALMAGEST and SAB budgets by \$450 each.

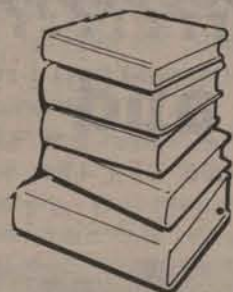
Senator Dale Kaiser authored three new proposals: 1.) SGA should set a \$200 limit on emergency presidential expenditures; 2.) SGA should schedule

meetings on Mondays from noon until 2:55 p.m., excluding holidays and summer sessions; and 3.) Allow the students to vote on counseling fundings and whether they are willing to pay \$10 for a year book.

SGA encourages the students to voice their opinions on these

issues during the Mr. and Ms. University contest on Nov. 21 and 22.

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Evaluations:

Pain or gain?

By Gwen Westbrook
Contributing Writer

This week moans and groans filled LSUS classrooms as students were asked to complete teacher evaluation sheets.

The evaluation process started in 1974 at students' requests.

Most students today seem to have very negative feelings about teacher evaluations. Melissa Wellborn, senior, education major, said, "I don't think it motivates the teachers to change one way or the other."

Julie Festervan, another senior education major, said, "I don't know if anyone ever looks at them." Her statement echoed the sentiments of a majority of the students polled on the subject.

Dr. Wilfred Guerin, vice-chancellor of academic affairs, said in his experience as chairman of the English department, teachers do read the evaluations. "A number of teachers would share (the evaluations) with me. I always thought it was helpful and interesting when a colleague spoke with me about (them)," he said.

Larry Ramin, HPE instructor, said he always reads his written evaluations and had, on occasions, modified his teaching methods based upon the evaluations.

However, Ramin said he has



Students evaluate Dr. George Sylvie.

never had any feedback from administration about the information on the computer sheets.

According to Guerin, that is not unusual. He said if a teacher has negative evaluations one semester, it is thought to be of little consequence. However, if the evaluations continue to be negative, the teacher is called in to discuss the negative comments and is encouraged to change his ways or attitudes.

Students question the validity of the evaluations. Wellborn said she didn't think she was always completely honest. "I'm always nice in the evaluation," she said.

Another student, requesting anonymity, said, "I don't like them. I don't think I am as honest

as I could be. If you said something negative, I think it would affect your grades." The student was worried that the teacher may recognize his handwriting and harbor a natural animosity toward him, which would affect his grade.

That accusation, Guerin thinks, is "highly unlikely."

"Chances are minimal that a teacher would recognize a student's handwriting from one semester to another," he said.

"On balance, I think the students give an honest evaluation. Sometimes, however, there is a personality clash and that is reflected in the evaluation," Guerin said.



Evaluations continue

By MIKE BOWLIN
Staff Writer

NCATE (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education) will evaluate the College of Education in the spring of 1990, according to Dean of the College of Education, Dr. Ronald Byrd.

NCATE, which is governed by the education profession, provides a mechanism for voluntary peer regulation of the profes-

sional education unit.

Education departments throughout the country are evaluated by NCATE, usually at five-year intervals. However, these evaluations have been delayed due to changes in NCATE's standards.

"We're one of the first colleges to be evaluated by with these new standards," said Byrd.

NCATE has two primary peer regulation of the profes-

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news

Computer science: Proposals offered

By HELEN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

The LSUS computer science department, offered several proposals to the University Course and Curriculum Committee, on Nov. 8.

The committee chaired by Dr. Jimmie Smith, approved the department's proposals. Smith unable to comment on specific changes, said, "The decision lies with them (vice chancellor of academic affairs) now."

Most of the proposed changes center around revamping the curriculum. Several courses are being added, others eliminated and the remaining ones restructured or left as-is. According to Claiborne Sharp, computer science professor, "Right now nothing is in stone." However, any changes would be effective in next fall's catalogue. Sharp said "It's hard to compare schools because some are research-

oriented and some concentrate on practical applications."

The LSUS department is practically-oriented. Their goal is to turn out well-qualified students and keep abreast of rapid industry change.

Carol Hall, acting department chairman, said she would like to hire more faculty. Hall said "We're working to have the best undergraduate instruction that we can offer." Recent budget cuts hurt the department's ability to update equipment and hire additional faculty.

Budget cuts aside, Sharp said everyone in the department is devoted to keeping up with changing industry standards. Sharp is considering pursuing his Ph.D. Currently, Dr. Al McKinney, department chairman, is on sabbatical in Washington state. McKinney is researching changes and advancements in the computer industry.



Watch out! School may be hazardous to your health.

Photo by Richard Speights

LSUS invades Barksdale

By MIKE BOWLIN
Staff Writer

Look at the new spring semester's schedule closely, and note that LSUS is offering many off-campus courses this year. One such program is offered in conjunction with Barksdale Air Force Base. On base, a master's degree in systems technology is available.

According to Vincent Marsala, dean of continuing education and public service, Barksdale had a master's degree program in systems technology,

previously taught by the University of Southern California. That program was terminated because it was too expensive, said Marsala.

"The Air Force requested that (LSUS) bid for a new master's program and Lyle Cook (dean of the college of science) designed a program in computer technology to be taught at Barksdale," Marsala said.

Currently, five 500-level computer courses are being taught at Barksdale. These courses will be offered again in the spring semester.

Of the 42 students enrolled, 22 are Air Force personnel and 20 are civilians.

In addition to the program at Barksdale, LSUS offers upper-level math, education and computer science courses at local high schools. However, these courses will be taught to area high school teachers only.

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NCAA Hoops Start Friday:

Big East, Big Ten, ACC alone at top

By KEN KURIGER
Sports Editor

Is Mike Krzyzewski really the coach of the best college basketball team in the nation? Can John Thompson forget the disappointment of the Olympics and lead his Hoyas to another Big East crown? How true will the fans be at defending-champion Kansas and tradition-rich Kentucky, now that both programs are in disarray?

These riddles and many more will unfurl with the start of the 1988-89 NCAA basketball season this weekend.

According to the AP, UPI and Street & Smith's preseason polls, Coach K's Duke team is No. 1. With three starters returning, including 6-10 All-America Danny Ferry, and a deep bench, the Blue Devils are a logical choice.

But, as usual, it's conceivable they won't even win their conference. Down the road from Durham, the Tar Heels of North Carolina have their own nucleus of established talent. Unfortunately for Dean Smith, J.R. Reid will miss the first 3-4 weeks with a fractured foot. In Atlanta, Georgia Tech supporters are hoping 6-8 super-forward Tom Hammonds can keep the Yellow Jackets in the ACC hunt. And never ignore Jim Valvano's N.C. State squad, even if they did get blown out by the Soviet Na-

tionalists this week.

Once again, the ACC will be a dominant conference in the polls. By no means, however, will it be the best in the country. That distinction will belong to either the Big East or the Big Ten. Several schools from each of these conferences will be season-long contenders for the national title.

Won last year by Syracuse, the Beastly Big East will have a new champion this year in Villanova. The Wildcats and their wild leader, Coach Rollie Massimino, will recover the chemistry that brought an NCAA crown in '85. Senior point-guard Kenny Wilson will be the key.

Of course, Jim Boeheim will be able to squeeze enough juice out of Sherman Douglas, Derrick Coleman and Stevie Thompson to give the Orangemen a shot at a championship. If prep phenom Billy Owens plays the way he did for his high-school—he led Carlisle (Pa.) to four state titles—the Orange will be a top-five team all season.

Of all incoming freshman, only Georgetown recruit Alonzo Mourning got more preseason ink than Owens. The 6-11 Mourning averaged 9 blocks a game his senior year, and is expected to revive Coach Thompson's pressure defense the way Pat Ewing did seven years ago.

Other than Indiana, Big Ten

schools have endured nightmarish post-seasons in the 80s. Tournament failures by Michigan, Illinois and Iowa have given the conference the choke rap. This year, things will be different, especially for Bobby Knight. His Hoosiers will plummet to the lower-echelon in the league.

Every year, it seems, Michigan has the nation's best talent only to lose early in the final 64. With the fearsome front-line of Terry Mills, Loy Vaught and All-America Glen Rice, the Wolverines will enjoy an extended campaign for once. And Rumeal Robinson will be a more-than-ample replacement for Gary "This is My Ball" Grant.

Illinois will battle the Maize and Blue for conference honors. Lou Henson has two returning stars in forwards Nick Anderson and Kenny Battle. Although both are 6-5, they're rugged inside players. Last year's most celebrated Prop. 48 victim, 6-8 Marcus Liberty, will play for the Illini for the first time and will make an impact from day one.

As for Iowa, Roy Marble, Ed Horton and flashy court jester B.J. Armstrong will all vie for all-Big Ten spots. Armstrong is one of the premier point-men in the country, despite his tendencies to emulate Michigan's departed Grant.

If what worked on paper



ACC All-America, J.R. Reid and Danny Ferry

always worked in the NCAA Tourney, it would be easy to assume one of the 10 teams mentioned here would win it all. Ah, but there's the rub. In college basketball, no one is safe, ever—or at least since John Wooden retired. It takes an eerie mix for a team to win the title, as proven by Valvano's Wolfpack in '83, 'Nova in '85 and the crazy Jayhawks a year ago. Therefore, there will not be an ultimate prediction included.

Several things though, are virtually certain. No team from the SEC will do much on a national scale. Denny Crum will have Louisville back in old form by season's end. Temple's John Chaney, despite the presence of Mark Macon, won't duplicate last year's 32-2 mark. And Florida's Dwayne "I'm no sissy" Schintzius will wrestle this season's rough-tough brute award from the reigning champ, lovable Mr. Knight.



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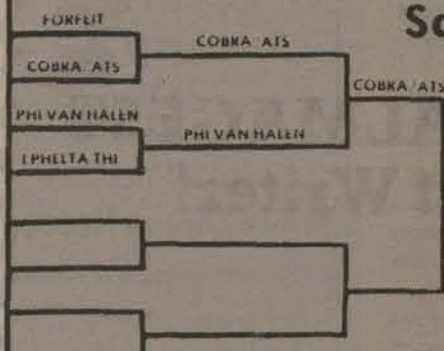
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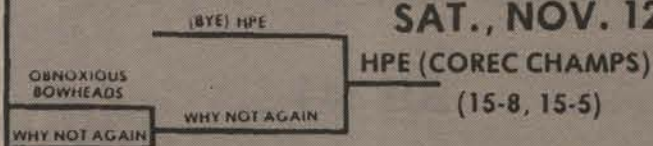
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O.D.K. Society

The LSUS Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, national leadership honor society honored community leader Al Kessler and 13 LSUS students during its fall initiation ceremony on Friday, Nov. 11.

Kessler was inducted "honoris causa" for his record of leadership in civic and business affairs. He is currently economic development manager of the Greater Shreveport Economic Develop-

ment foundation. For 34 years he served in various management positions with the Bell System. His last position was with AT&T Co. as operations manager for all of Louisiana except for New Orleans.

He is a native of Eunice and a graduate of LSU-BR.

Student leaders also inducted were: Barbara F. James, Lisa Clare Fletcher, Geraldine E. Lyons, Audrey Decker Medicus, Lisa A. Bosley, Timothy Paul Barinka, Kelli Graham Davis, Robert S. Everitt, Gayle Flowers, Lori Ann McAllister, Jon Patrick Oliver, Debbie Shaw and

Teresa L. Takach.

Phi Kappa Phi

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi announces the availability of a graduate fellowship in recognition and encouragement of superior scholarship. The fellowship is in support of first year graduate or professional study. Requirements and applications for the scholarship are available from Dr. Richard Barnett, chairman, dept. of Foreign Language, Bronson Hall.

Evaluations

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goals. The first is require a level of quality in professional education that fosters competent practice of graduates. The second encourages institutions to meet rigorous academic standards of excellence in professional education.

Among the areas evaluated

are curriculum content, relationship with other schools, admission policies, faculty load, and faculty education.

Byrd is particularly concerned with the area of faculty integration.

"Right now, we have only one black faculty member in the entire education department," said

Byrd.

Dr. David Gustavson, is in charge of a self-evaluation being conducted by the education faculty.

"We are using the standards set by NCATE, and we must show how we are meeting these standards. Then, we will see how our evaluation compares to their evaluation."

Beach

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the list. Betty L. Siegal, of Kenesaw, Georgia, has been reviewed as having a positive influence on campus. Russel Warren, vice president of academic affairs at James Madison in Virginia,

garners SGA support. Adam Herbert Jr., assistant dean of Florida International University in Miami, ranks high because of familiarity with the Florida system.

Bogue denies the rumor that he will leave LSUS whether ac-

cepted in Florida or not. He feels secure enough as a person that rejection would not damage his ego or credibility.

The results of the University of North Florida's selection committee will be released in three weeks.

Registration

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a year, either in the fall or spring semester.

"I think every class should be offered every semester," said May. "Fine arts 312 is only offered once a year, and I need it to graduate. If I don't take it the semester it is offered, I will have to wait longer to graduate."

Smith said, "I lucked out. I got all my classes. I do know people that have not been able to take required classes because they are not offered. If it happened to me, I'd be mad. I've been to other colleges, and LSUS offers the least selection of classes."

Dr. George Sylvie, assistant professor of communications,

feels that early registration gives him an opportunity "to meet and get to know students better. Students get the classes they want. They get to be advised in the sane, quiet environment of a teacher's office rather than the hustle and bustle of regular registration." Sylvie said that early registration amounts to "better advising."

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